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MARINE GUILTY OF RAPE

Shanghai, Jan. 22.

A United States naval general court-martial in Peiping this morning found United States Marine Corporal William G. Pierson guilty of the charge of raping a 19-year-old schoolgirl, Miss Shen Chung, at Peiping on Christmas Eve, after a four day trial, according to reports today from Peiping.

Altogether five charges were preferred against Pierson, of which rape was the first, the maximum penalty of the offence being life imprisonment.

The court found not proved charge two—assault with intent to commit a rape—and charge four—conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline.

The court dropped charge three—fornication—and changed charge five—scandalous conduct tending to the destruction of good morals.

Pierson had pleaded not guilty to charges one, two, four and five and declined to contend charge three.

Chinese pressmen were conspicuously absent from this morning's final session, following the greatest earlier interest which is probably due to the lunar new year holiday.

Pierson, born on March 23, 1923, enlisted on July 24, 1941. He had no previous convictions.

The trial of the second accused, the United States Marine who accompanied Pierson, is scheduled for next week by court-martial.—Reuter.

Suicide Attempt In Dock

Jerusalem, Jan. 23.

An Arab gunman with nine previous convictions and as many aliases, who is already serving five years prison sentence, tried to commit suicide with a rusty razor blade in the dock of British military court here tonight.

When the President of the Court said: "You have been found guilty of yet another gun-carrying offence," the accused, Mohammed Selim Yusti Mograbi, slumped to his knees before two police guards.

Blood spurted from the wound in his neck and the military prosecutor, Major George Ramsay, rushed across the court room to give first aid.

Mograbi was taken to hospital by an ambulance for an emergency operation and his condition was reported to be "serious."—Reuter.

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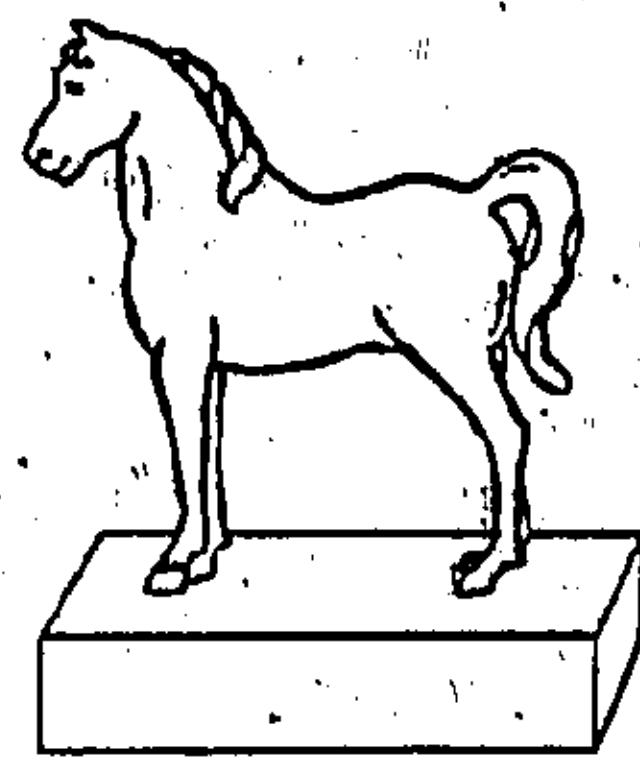
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Alleged Terrorists Charged

Two alleged members of the Overseas Chinese Youth group, Kwong Hon and Lee Kai were committed to the Criminal Sessions by Mr. H.G. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy after hearing evidence against them on two charges of attempting to obtain money by menaces from two shopkeepers in the Western District.

They were charged with demanding by menaces on Dec. 27 from Tao Yuen-kan the sum of \$2,000 and of \$1,000 from Li Kan-nan on Dec. 20.

Inspector Wilcox said that on Dec. 20, the manager of No. 305 Queen's Road West received a letter from members of the Overseas Chinese Youth group demanding the sum of \$1,000. The money was not paid but nothing happened.

On Dec. 27, the manager of No. 261 Queen's Road West received a letter from the same group demanding \$2,000 and stating that a similar demand from No. 305 Queen's Road West had been met. The police were informed and the manager was given certain instructions. Later the manager received a telephone message and instructions from a member of the group for handing over the money. A foklo was to go to Kowloon with the money wrapped in brown wrapping paper. The man was to walk along Salisbury Road towards Nathan Road and someone one would meet him and collect the money.

Accordingly the son of the manager went as directed on the following day and was met by the two accused. Police who had been waiting in a taxi near by came out and arrested both accused.

S.I. Lam Yung-hor of No. 7 Police station questioned the accused at the police station and on asking them to put something in writing found that the writing of one defendant was identical with the writing on the letters. The accused then took the police to a vacant plot of ground in Canton Road and under a brick a chop as used on the letter was found. Later the accused took the police to a house in Boundary Street where types, cards and writing utensils apparently connected with the case were found.

To Be Wed

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Joseph Edward Bernard Wilson, manager of the Hong Kong Branch of Reuters News Service, and Miss Gwendoline Grace Morris, residing at 9 Hillcrest, The Peak.

Mr. George Tippett Rowe, civil servant, of 154, The Peak, and Betty C. Thicke, residing at 7 Hillcrest, The Peak.

Mr. Frederick Charles Dixon, M.B.E., civil engineer, of Douglas Steamship Company, and Mrs. Alice Florence Tester, residing at Kowloon Hotel.

Mr. James Thomas Henry Roffey, Royal Marines, of No. 3, Minden Avenue, and Miss Helene Adele Ozorio, of 47, Shek Ki Mi Street.

Mr. Leslie Thomas Gorringe, marine radio officer of Butterfield & Swire's m.v. "Walnut Bend," and Miss Chan Wah-man, of 47, Yit Yam Street.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrivals—Miss Elsie Lee Soong, Mr. and Mrs. V.K. Soong, H.T. Soong, T.A. See, J.S. Stephens Jr., Mrs. Eric Molter, Mrs. N. de Bolosian, Mrs. Chang Chung, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackson, Mrs. J.M. Ferguson, A.W. Barnes, H.J.A. Rohrbach, Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Parato, Mrs. P.A. Carroll, O.J. Keaton, J. McNeil.

Departures for San Francisco by the "Pres. Grant" on Jan. 22 included Major K.J. Roth, Mr. T. Lee, Mr. Yng Langmuir, Mrs. P.L.O. Ferguson and Miss Margaret L. Phillips.

Peninsula departures—Mrs. A. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. G.D. Datto, Mrs. D. Wallinger, Walter Schell, F.L. Davidson, J.L. Martin, Miss Esther L.S. Russell and P. Shantz.

Henry T. Samson, newly appointed UNRRA Chief Representative for Kwangtung, has arrived in Canton.

General C.H. Gardner, the Price Minister, personal representative in Japan, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Gardner, Mr. W.C. Holden, Mr. G.C. M.V. Reynolds, representing the G.O.C.

The British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, and Lady Stevenson, accompanied by the Air Attaché, Air Commissioner, took off from Kai Tak for Nanjing, in Vice-Admiral Sir Denys Scott's naval plane.

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POW-Slapping Guards Were Reprimanded

Guards and interpreters at Shamshui Po and Camps had slapped Hitoshi, third accused among five members of the local POW Camp Staff on trial before No. 5 War Crimes Court admitted in his examination-in-chief yesterday.

Tanaka said that guards who had slapped POWs were reprimanded when cases were reported and he had taken measures, through the Adjutant to the Camp Commandant, to minimise such incidents. Tanaka explained that he had a rule established that guards be kept away from unnecessary contact with the POWs.

Tanaka began his examination-in-chief by stating that he had taken part in the assault on Hong Kong and had landed on the island on Dec. 19. Following the capture of Hong Kong he was posted back to Canton but was subsequently appointed on Jan. 1 to the POW Camp staff locally.

Some incidents involving the slapping of POWs occurred during air raids when POWs were found inside their huts. The guard involved beat the POW interpreter for reporting the matter.

"I told the Adjutant," Tanaka said, "that if such a man was attached to the Camp it would cause me some trouble and I asked that the guard be relieved of his duties. About three days later a conference was held among the Camp officers and I brought the matter up. It was decided that about 17 guards be despatched to the Governor-General's Office and this guard was among them. After this there were no more beating incidents reported to me."

French Officer

Tanaka said he remembered Capt. Egal as the only Frenchman at the Argyle Street Camp. He had received a document from the POW Information Bureau requesting him to find out if Capt. Egal was "patriotic" to the Vichy Government. He had asked Capt. Egal this question.

He had not beaten Capt. Egal. Tanaka said, but when he had received his appointment as Acting Camp Commander, he had been informed that Capt. Egal had been beaten by Lt. Barnet, the Acting Camp Commander before him and Niimori because he had written in a letter that the price of things in Hong Kong was high.

Lieut. Barnett had been punished by the Camp Commandant for having spoken to the Red Cross representative on his visit.

Though as Camp Commander he felt responsible for this incident he asked the Camp Commandant to alleviate the punishment. As a result of this Lieut. Barnett was "pardoned" after six days in the guardhouse.

There was another incident involving Lieut. Barnett, a few days later when he received a telephone call from Shamshui Po that a POW had attempted to escape. The guard who had reported the attempt to escape was a man who had been punished about a week earlier in connection with another escape. On reaching the scene and having Lieut. Barnett

he had been punished by the Camp Commandant for having spoken to the Red Cross representative on his visit.

—I was in charge of supervision of the medical officers.

Will you tell the Court what right you had to allocate to yourself the authority to slap Dr. Crawford for any offence he may have committed whatsoever?

I did that with the purpose of training the medical staff.

Saito's Duties

Do I understand that you with two months practical experience undertook to train Major Crawford who, according to his statement, has been nine years in practice before you ever saw him?

—There was a necessity for training and teaching at the time so I taught Major Crawford by doing such.

Saito explained that his work

was to instruct and supervise the diagnosis and treatment of POW patients but "as a physician I did not interfere with the diagnosis of other physicians. My duty was to see that the diagnosis and treatment could be carried out fully. If the POW doctors wished to have something examined I would receive permission from the Camp Commandant and take

the proceeds, the defendant was

admitted having stolen bandages on Jan. 11 and Jan. 15 from the same place.

Committed For Trial

Evidence was given by Lam Kit-tai, married woman, at the continued committal proceedings against Tsui Ching, 34, Wan Ying-kuon, 35, Chan Wing, 19, and Wan Shu-fan, 26, on the charge of murder of Wan Ping, alias Lan Trai (Eascal) Ping, alias Ngau Ching (Bad Fellow) Ping, in the vicinity of Kong Shan (Ore Mountain) on the night of the Chinese Moon Festival.

Witness stated that on the evening of Sept. 7 last deceased called on her and showed her a letter, as a result of which she handed Wan Ping \$40.

Li Mui, married woman, also testified to having given deceased some money after she had attended a meeting presided over by the second accused and at which Wan Ping was also present.

All defendants were committed for trial by the February Sessions by Mr. Blaik-Kerr, Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, their legal representatives, reserving his defence.

EX-CHINESE ARMY OFFICER FINED

Young Tuen-sun, a former Lieutenant in the Chinese Army, was fined \$100 when he pleaded guilty before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday to the charge of unlawful possession of a Chinese-made .32 automatic pistol and 27 rounds of .32 ammunition on Jan. 14.

Stating that the Police did not take a serious view of the case, S.Y. Awkern informed His Worship that the Crown asked for it to be dealt with summarily. He applied for the confiscation of the arms and ammunition.

In mitigation of the offence, Young pleaded ignorance of the law, and asked that the arms and ammunition be kept in the custody of the local Police until he obtained the necessary certificate from the Canton authorities.

His Worship informed accused that the Court has to make an order for the confiscation of the pistol and ammunition but that he, as a result of which he was at liberty to take the matter up with the Police on his return from Canton. A fine of \$100 was imposed.

Found guilty of neglect of duty at Stanley Reformatory on Jan. 23, as a result of which five inmates escaped, Wong Kam and Yu Kwok-ming, warders, were sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. F.X. D'Almasia at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Readers' Letters

The Star Ferry

Sir.—With reference to the leading article in your issue of Jan. 21 under the heading "Trials of Transport," the statement that "the ferries could comfortably accommodate a hundred or more additional passengers without fear or risk of overcrowding" is not correct. Each of the Company's craft is licensed to carry a specified number of passengers only on each deck. This number is fixed by the Government Surveyors as the maximum number that can be carried in safety, and in the interests of the travelling public, strict control is exercised to see that it is not exceeded. At the same time, checks maintained on the turnstiles and monthly ticket entrances make certain that the maximum permissible number per vessel is adhered to as closely as possible. The appearance of "dozens of vacant seats" is the result of the inevitable habit of passengers of clustering round the funnel and alleyways adjacent to the gangway, apparently with a view to being first ashore. The ferries are, in fact, so designed that the full complement of passengers on the vessel could, in emergency, find space on the upper deck. While, therefore, it may appear that there is actually space for more passengers, the craft are invariably carrying the limit of their licensed capacity, and the safety of passengers on the boats must, as always, remain our primary consideration.

The convenience of the travelling public, while necessarily subordinated to our safety, has always received full consideration by this Company, and the fact that the present abnormal conditions result in inconvenience is

As you quite rightly say, there is only one final solution, i.e. the addition of new launches to the service. One boat has already been almost completely rebuilt, and was placed in service in November. This permitted the other vessels to be withdrawn one at a time for the extensive overhaul and reconditioning necessary as a result of their neglect during the occupation. These overhauls are now practically completed, and it is hoped that the full existing fleet of four vessels will be in service shortly.

It must be appreciated that the world-wide shortage of material and equipment renders it impossible merely to order the construction and delivery of a new vessel, as would have been done prior to the War. The Company has made extensive enquiries in an endeavour to secure suitable craft to supplement the fleet, but without success. Every effort is still being made in this direction, but there appears little prospect of additional boats being placed in service for a considerable time.

We strongly endorse your suggestion that all those who are in a position to do so should contribute as much as they can to the lessening of the rush at the peak hours; we shall continue to exercise all possible control in the general interests of the safety and convenience of the travelling public, but it must be appreciated that with half the number of boats available we are carrying far more passengers per day than our pre-war maximum, while at the same time maintaining a regular schedule.

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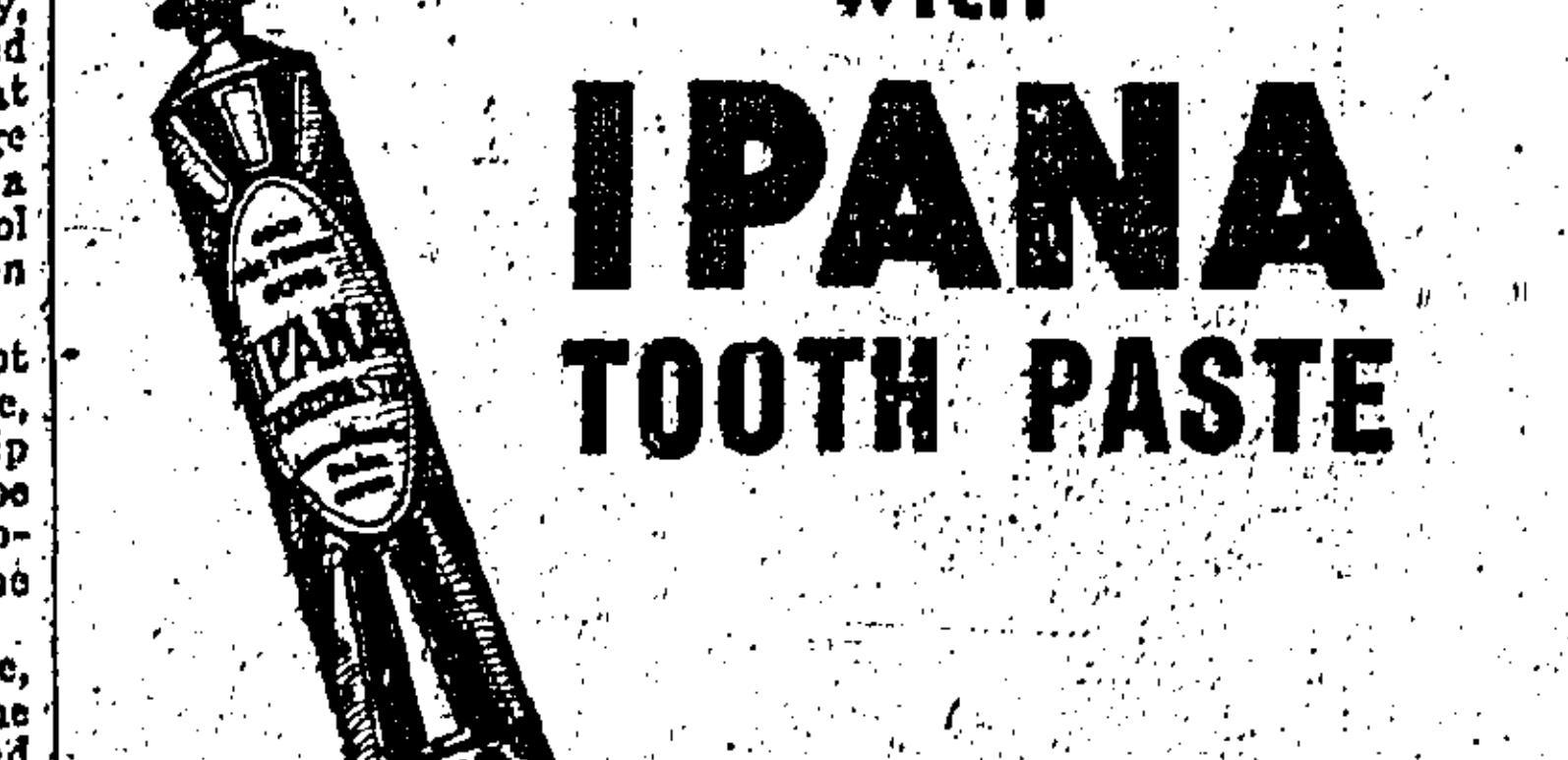
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DEATH

ALDERTON.—On Sunday, Jan.
12, 1947, at 4, Benyon St.,
Hadleigh, Suffolk, Kathleen,
beloved wife of Rawlans
Maitland Alderton, of the
London Mission, Hongkong,

AMERICA'S HOPES

When President Truman faced Congress to deliver his annual message he had several considerations to bear in mind. He had first to remember that the Republican Opposition was in control of both Houses. He could plead and cajole, but he could not demand and enforce. In the eyes of many people his political day was ended. He was carrying on as the nation's Chief Executive not because a majority of the people stood behind him, but because of the constitutional provision that Congressional elections be held every two years and Presidential elections every four. Yet he could not act as though he were a Republican President. He had to remember that he is still the leader of the Democratic Party and to remember, too, that this party is deeply divided. He must not say anything which would exaggerate its divisions or cause any more of its diverse elements to be sloughed off by politically inept proposals.

These considerations set the boundaries of the President's speech and limited what he could and could not say. It is to the President's credit that there should have been so much which subordinated party profit to the national interest, which demanded party harmony, and so much which was challenging to both parties and even affronted deep-rooted national prejudices in the interest of the wider responsibility which America bears to the world. The President asked, particularly, that the immigration gates should be opened more widely to displaced persons. "I do not feel that the United States has done its part." This request has immediately caused controversy. So many Americans appear strangely enough to combine strong sympathy with Europe's uprooted victims of war and political change with strong repugnance to admit them as neighbours and an equally strong insistence that the bars in Palestine and elsewhere should be raised. An equal balance of ideas on this subject would be a welcome contribution to a world problem.

VISIT TO MOSCOW

It is to be hoped—and can be believed—that the highly successful visit of Field-Marshal Montgomery to Moscow portends something more than a set scene of reciprocal greetings between victorious soldiers. Though the invitation originated in the comradeship of victory—it was extended by Marshal Stalin at the Potsdam Conference—much has happened since; and it was at C.I.G.S. of the post-war British Army, rather than as the former head of the British Army of Liberation that the Field-Marshal made the journey. He had already been led to examine on the spot the military arrangements of the U.S.A. and Canada, and it appears that he was given a similar chance to examine Russian training establishments and methods—so far as four days were sufficient to do so.

He has himself declared that he went to Moscow "as a soldier," and it is unnecessary to attribute to his visit any more political importance than attaching to a similar visit by Lord Wavell ten years ago. Nevertheless, the thought may be allowed to occur that the visit should do something to calm those (including a few suspiciously minded members of the House of Commons) who have professed alarm

Houses That Make Life More Pleasant

Temporary dwellings, and the fulfilment of employment needs, by voluntary sharing.

As the Royal Institute of British Architects points out in its "Building Now" Exhibition, Britain was the first country to erect a pre-fabricated building—the famous Crystal Palace, made in 23 days and put up in Hyde Park for the Great Exhibition of 1851. Though intended to last only six months, this huge building, erected at Sydenham when the exhibition closed, flourished for 85 years—until it was burned down in 1936.

The ribbon-building indulged in after World War I is not to be repeated, and every effort is being made in the bombed areas and in new estates to design what is called a Neighbourhood Unit, containing its own shops, school, community centre, library and clinic.

Many London boroughs have schemes ready to go into operation the moment men and materials are available. On a

9½ acre estate in Becher Street, Kensington, the local council is to erect 302 dwellings, giving a density of 32.5 homes and 120 persons per acre. There will be 20 houses of six rooms for the larger families up to eight persons; 48 four-room flats for families of five, 24 larger four room flats which will accommodate six, 96 three-room flats for four persons and 18 one-room flats for single people. These will be contained in three-storey blocks.

Social Amenities

There will also be eight-storey blocks, comprising 64 three-room flats for four persons and 32 two-room flats for two. The buildings, planned in a north-south direction to receive both morning and afternoon sun, will be separated by grassed and tree-planted courtyards. By raising the mid-section of the two eight-storey blocks by a floor-and-a-half above normal ground level, ample height is provided below for a social centre, with a tenants' club room in the front block, and a nursery play-room, with a milk bar in the rear block. All the flats have private balconies, and utility rooms with laundry appliances are provided in the three-storey blocks.

Camden Town, St. Pancras, Hackney and Finsbury have similar plans, while near-country estates at Letchworth, Loughton and other places on the fringes of London are designed to include open spaces, playing fields, etc. At Letchworth the proposed estate of 2,600 houses is based on a system of distributive and residential roads. The distributive roads become parkways and contain trees, undergrowth and roughly-kept grass. The residential roads become garden closes and are staggered to avoid through-traffic and wind funnels.

On the 558-acre site at Loughton, Essex, where the London County Council plans a scheme, with some permanent pre-fabricated steel houses, Loughton Hall, a mansion with six acres of gardens and a paddock of 7½ acres, will remain—as a community centre. There will also be schools, shops, churches, refreshment houses and a cinema. Other L.C.C. plans include cottage estates at Chiswickhurst, Kent, and Chessington, Surrey. On the former they will build 3,500 homes on 495 acres, on the latter between 6,000 and 7,000 cottages on 800 acres. At Harrow, they are erecting 1,114 prefabricated houses of which 602 will be permanent, semi-detached three-bedroomed buildings.

Voluntary Sharing

These are the big schemes. Meanwhile, the only drive to provide immediate homes goes on. Britain's nation-wide plan includes the building of permanent houses (mostly of the three-bedroomed variety); the erection of temporary houses (of the single-storey, two-bedroomed type); the repairing and adapting of existing buildings and the requisitioning of empty houses; the conversion, where practicable, of war-time huts and hostels for use as

at supposedly exclusive military arrangements with the United States. There is, of course, nothing of the kind in the sense of any collaboration directed against anyone else. For the rest, the very warm welcome given to Lord Montgomery is particularly welcome, as a further sign of the more conciliatory spirit evinced by Russia at recent international conferences. It shows also that the Russian leaders appreciate the contribution made by their Allies to Victory, just as we appreciate ours. They have always appreciated their

Chinese representatives started last November but reached no concrete results—Reuter.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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ONRUSH OF THE CISSY AGE?

After the party comes the clearing up. And after the 1940-45 party, the Army is clearing up the English countryside.

Tank ditches, 30 or 40 feet wide and deep, miles and masses of barbed wire, unsightly pillboxes, slit-trenches and weapon pits water-logged in winter and messy in summer, marred the beauty of the countryside and invaded farmers in their vital task.

On the coasts of Kent and Sussex and to a lesser extent elsewhere, hundreds of thousands of defence posts remained abandoned, while inland training areas with similar blemishes fell into disuse. The Army set about clearing them, using all the troops available in Britain, including the Polish Resettlement Corps.

On the South Downs, at Storrington, near Worthing, I went to see No. 74 Mechanical Platoon at work. Behind them was evidence of what they had done—miles of tank-ditches filled in by giant D7 bulldozers, leaving a white-brown scar for nature to heal over with green. Other bulldozers were busy clearing barbed wire. The drill is to push the wire into a round mass, then dig a great hole with the bulldozer, push the wire in and cover it over with earth, making sure that it is buried deeply enough not to come to the surface to hurt grazing cattle or wandering lambs.

One of the headaches of the job is the problem of the pillboxes, grey and ugly and comprising sometimes more than 400 tons of concrete. Many of them have been blown up with an explosion like a minor Bikini experiment, but blowing up pillboxes in this case means a lot of tact and care in dealing with people who complain that the blast has done their ceilings no good and care that no hikers or cattle should get into the danger area. At Storrington three huge pillboxes have been flattened, but two others will stay put because they are too near to houses and a main road, to be blown up.

The Sappers at Storrington like the job. They are outdoors and they are well clad against all kinds of weather. They live at a big mansion in Stanner Park, between Lewes and Brighton, run out to their work in lorries after breakfast, taking their dinner with them, park their bulldozers in the afternoon and get back to Stanner in time for tea and then they are free to take a handy bus to the flesh-pots of Brighton.

They have not found any buried treasure yet in their excavations, but they have found plenty of rabbits. Apparently rabbits are extremely stupid animals at times. Try to stalk them, and a slight sound will set them scurrying off to the safety of their burrows, but catch them in their burrows, and they have no further ideas on the subject of safety.

Digging into the Downs to make burial holes for barbed wire, the bulldozers often uncover rabbit warrens. Sometimes the blades catch the rabbits, but more often the rabbit just covers in his hole, or what is left of it, too terrified to move or to think of the famous Bainsfurther caption "If you know a better ole, go to it." The Sappers say the downland bunnies are very tarty.

Release I.R.A. Men Appeal

Belfast, Jan. 22. Fifteen Nationalist and Labour Members of Parliament in Ulster have sent telegrams to the British Home Secretary urging release of members of the Irish Republican Army sentenced for outrages in England during the pre-war agitation.

The outrages consisted mainly of planting "suicide bombs" in station cloakrooms.

The appeal for remission of their sentences follows the liberation of all political internees in Ulster last year and the Christmas release of fourteen young men sentenced for possession of firearms. Reuter.

EISENHOWER ILL

Washington, Jan. 23. The War Department announced today that General Dwight D. Eisenhower, United States Chief of Staff and Allied commander on D-Day, is suffering from digestive trouble. This morning he entered hospital for observation. Reuter.

Mufti Wanted Bombing Of Jerusalem

Nuernberg, Jan. 24. German Air Force files revealed today what was stated to have been a request by the Mufti of Jerusalem to bomb Jerusalem in 1943. Reich Marshal Herman Goering rejected the idea as dangerous from a propaganda viewpoint.

The documents which disclosed the discussions within the Luftwaffe were brought to Nuernberg for possible use in American War Crimes trials.

The Luftwaffe contemplated for a time, some air attacks on Palestine, the records show, particularly around Nov. 2, 1942, when the world Zionist meeting was held in Jerusalem.

"As an act of demonstration incidental to the Zionist Congress, an attack on one of the military objects on the coast might also be contemplated," the Luftwaffe Operations Staff wrote.

"An attack on the building in which the Congress will meet cannot enter into the question, as the place where the gathering will be held is not known. An attack for the sake of demonstration could perhaps be considered for the Jewish Agency, the office building of the highest Zionist Administrative body."

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Return To Bismarck Type Of Government

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Washington, Jan. 23.

The French Government has proposed in a note submitted to the United States, Soviet Union and United Kingdom a new constitution for Germany, in which the German National Parliament or Reichstag would be abolished and Germany return to the Bismarck type of Government in a loose decentralised confederation of comparatively independent German states, Reuter learns authoritatively today.

The following are the details contained in the hitherto unpublished note which the French Government delivered to the other members of the Big Four during the last few days.

Firstly, Germany to be a confederation of separate German states, in which the chief powers are invested in the states and the Federal Government limited to such overall considerations as finance, food, transportation, posts and telegraphs and certain aspects of economic and foreign affairs.

Secondly, Assemblies within each state to be appointed every four years, and representatives elected to the "House of States."

Thirdly, The House of States to appoint every year a new Federal President who would himself appoint the Federal Government for the above functions.

Fourthly, The State Governments to be responsible for all other functions, to have their own police force, to appoint judges to the overall German Supreme Court, to be able to appoint Ambassadors to foreign powers and negotiate state matters with them but to be forbidden to make alliances or mergers with other states.

Fifthly, International treaties for Germany as a whole would have to be approved by a two-thirds majority of the House of States.

Australian Plan

Meanwhile the Australian delegate to the conference of special deputies for Germany urged that the Germans are unfit for self-government when he made an important statement on Australia's attitude to the future of Germany today.

Speaking on behalf of the Australian Government, Lieutenant-Colonel William Hodgson gave the following list of factors which ought to govern the German peace settlement:

1. There should be no German Government for some years to come.

2. The Germans are unfit for self-government. Nothing would be worse, he said, for the peace of the world than to hasten the formation of a Central Government for the sake of convenience.

3. The general nature of the peace settlement ought not to be kept from the German people.

4. Before the final peace settlement an Interim agreement must be imposed on Germany.

Colonel Hodgson added that premature signature of a peace treaty would bring a future German Government into disrepute and he quoted the example of the current instability in Italy, where the Italian Government is faced with the necessity of signing an unpopular peace treaty.

He said that a distinction must be made between the final peace settlement and the current administrative machinery. Colonel Hodgson asked how far the principle governing the treatment of such current problems as de-Nazification, demilitarisation and achievement of economic unity were to go forward into the final settlement.

The form of an Interim agreement should be on the lines of enlargement of the Potsdam Agreement backed up

BOAC Plane's Atlantic Feat

Prestwich, Jan. 22.—With one of its four engines unserviceable for the most part of its trans-Atlantic journey, a British Overseas Aircraft Corporation Constellation with 20 people aboard made a perfect landing at Prestwick airport today.

The plane, carrying eleven passengers and a crew of nine, left Gander, Newfoundland, on its way from New York to Prestwick on Tuesday night.

Soon after taking off, the outer starboard engine cut out and a message was radioed to Prestwick, where an ambulance and a fire-tender waited for the plane.

Captain R. Allen said: "We were flying at 17,000 feet and maintained that altitude all the way. Only a few of the passengers felt the changeover to three engines but we could have made the crossing on two engines quite well."—Reuter.

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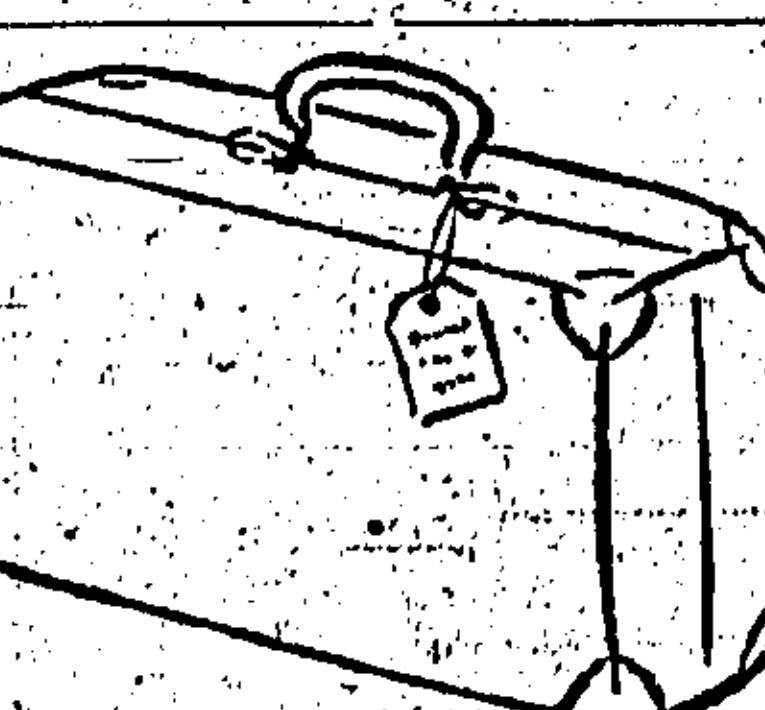
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"Queen" Not At Fault

London, Jan. 21.

The Queen Mary was free from blame for the collision in which the crack 80,000 tons British liner cut her escorting cruiser Curacao in two during the war, an Admiralty Court decided today.

Dismissing with costs the £1,500,000 action brought by the Lord Commissioners and the Admiralty against the Cunard White Star Company, the judge said the collision was solely due to the negligence of those in the Curacao.

The collision—off the coast of Donegal in October 1942—occurred in broad daylight in fine, clear weather, the judge said.

Contrary to some reports there was no submarine or other alarm in operation. "It is abundantly clear that the collision was one which ought never to have been permitted to happen," he declared.

The £1,500,000 damages sought included life claims for 338 officers and men when the Curacao sank.—Reuter.

Yugoslavia Withdraws Attaché

Athens, Jan. 22.

It was officially announced today that Yugoslavia is withdrawing her military attaché from Greece and has requested Greece to withdraw her military attaché from Yugoslavia.

It was understood that the reason for the withdrawal advanced by Yugoslavia was that the presence of military attachés in the respective capitals was no longer considered necessary under the existing state of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

This was a direct reference to the withdrawal of the Yugoslav ambassador from Greece last September, since when Yugoslavia has maintained a chargé d'affaires in Athens, while Greece has continued to be represented in Belgrade by an ambassador.

Observers tend to connect the latest Yugoslav move with the fact that Yugoslavia has not yet notified the Greek Government of the names of the Yugoslav United Nations Border Commission which is to meet in Athens on Jan. 31.—Reuter.

Major Cousens Loses His Commission

Sydney, Jan. 23.—Major Charles Hughes Cousens, against whom charges of treason arising from wartime Tokyo broadcasts were dropped, is to petition the Governor-General to revoke the Army Board's decision to cancel his commission.

Former senior officers of the Major's old division have protested strongly against the decision and members of the division propose to hold a meeting of war who were forced to work for the Japanese," he said.

"It seems rather spiteful punishment after Major Cousens had been committed to trial and it was decided to drop the charge."

The Sydney Sun said in an editorial: "If Major Cousens can not be punished normally by normal justice, he should not be punished at all."

Will Petition

Major Cousens said that the trial cost him over £6,000, which he will endeavour to recover from the Government.

He decided to petition the Governor-General after conferring with his lawyers.

Mr. C. Chambers, Australian Army Minister, announcing the cancellation of Major Cousens' commission said that his military advisers had called upon Major Cousens to show cause why his commission should not be cancelled and that the Military Board after considering the officer's reply regarded it as unsatisfactory.

In his trial, Major Cousens said that when he was weak from dysentery he had been forced to broadcast in spite of his protests and that later he wrote four short broadcasts as an experiment to see what he could get away with.

The emphasis and inflection, the significance of which the Japanese might not appreciate, Reuter.

Paris, Jan. 22.

General De Gaulle has refused to accept the military medal which the French Government has also proposed to present to Mr. Winston Churchill, Generalissimo Stalin and the representative of the late President Roosevelt.

The medal ranks above all other French military distinctions. His reasons were given in a letter to M. Leon Blum, until recently Prime Minister, published this morning.

General de Gaulle wrote: "The acts which I accomplished were carried out at a time when by force of circumstances I exercised the functions of minister of state and those of chief of Government."

"It is obviously not conceivable that a state or Government should decorate themselves in the person of those who personified and directed them and for the manner in which they did so."

"Let me add that for the man who gave himself the mission of leading France and the French union amid disaster and servitude until victory and freedom, there is no other acceptable recompense than that of having succeeded."—Reuter.

Londoner's Trek To The Cape

Khartoum, Jan. 24.

Henry George Knight, aged 37, from Paddington, London, has arrived here on a road-and-rail trek to South Africa.

So far the journey has cost him £160 including his food and entertainments, compared with the £300 which is the average cost of making the trek by lorry.

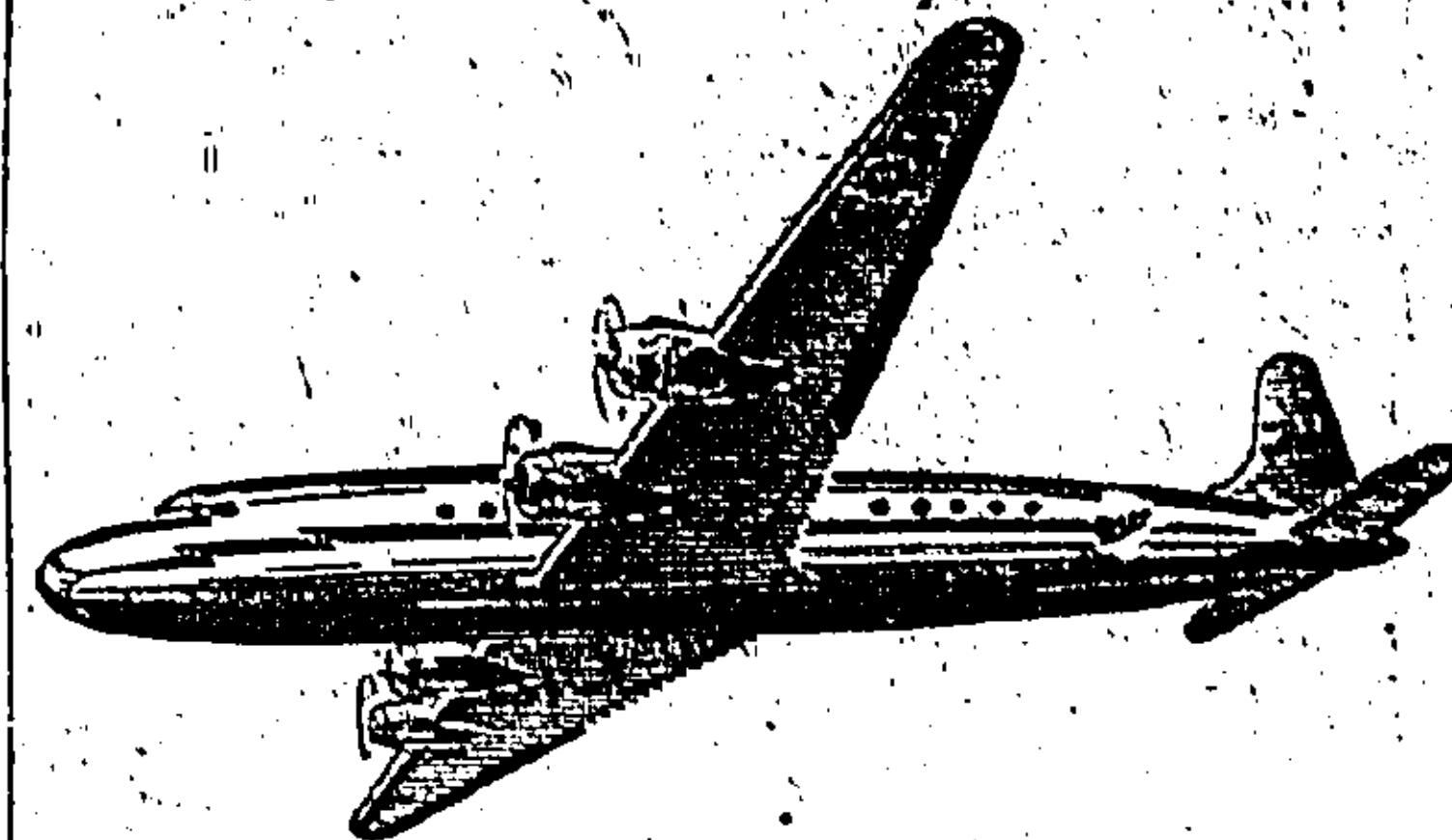
The train journey from London to Marseilles, Knight said, cost £8; steamer to Alexandria (Third Class) £26; train from Alexandria to Shello (Egypt), £8, and ticket through to the Sudan which he bought through an agency in London, £18.

The first hitch occurred at Khartoum, where he was told on arrival Wednesday that the Khartoum shipping office had not been notified of his booking and he would have to wait until between Feb. 9 and 16 when passages to the Cape are available.

Knight has decided to join a party of trekkers on their way to Elizabethville, where they can get direct rail connections to South Africa.

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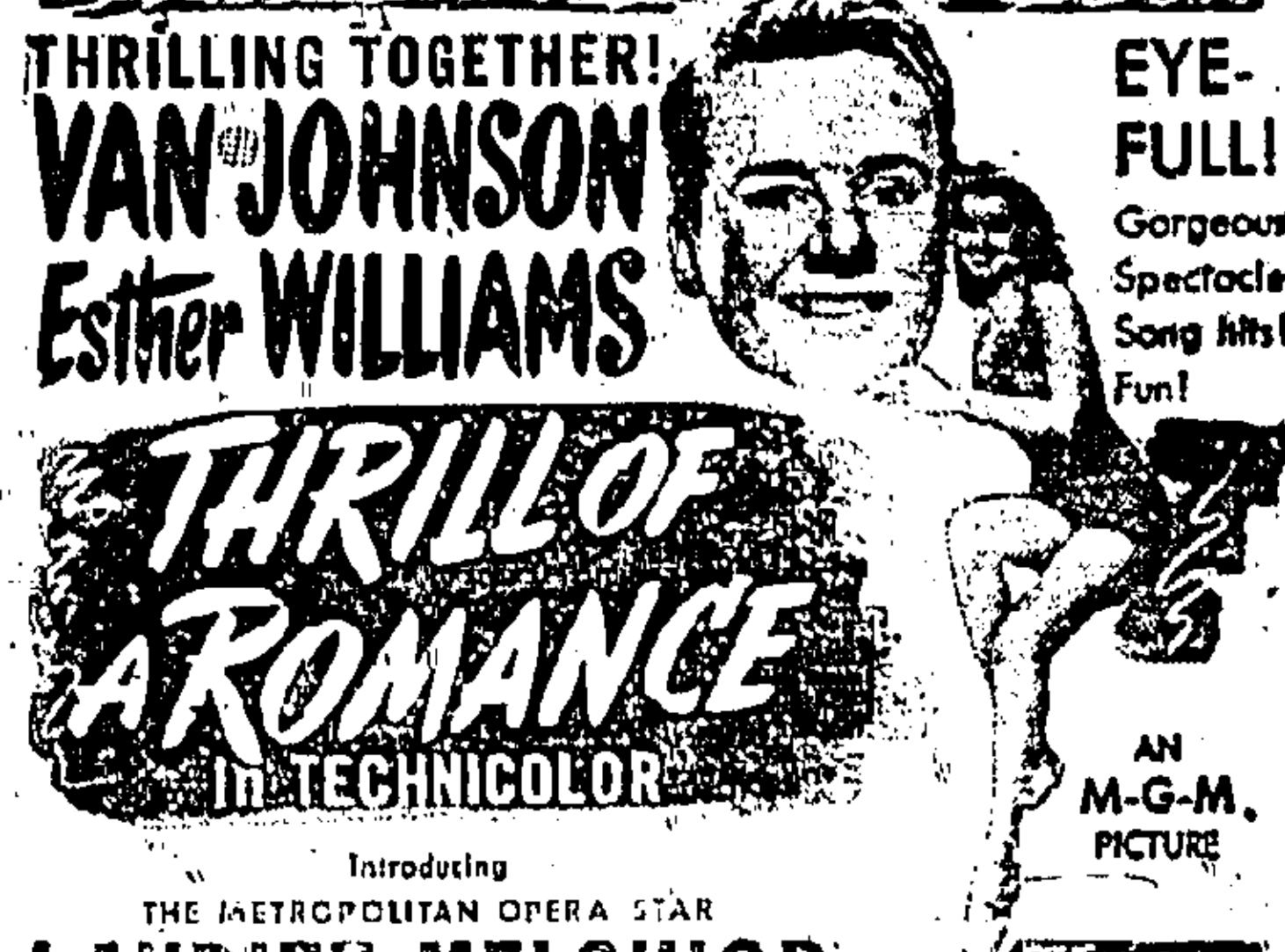
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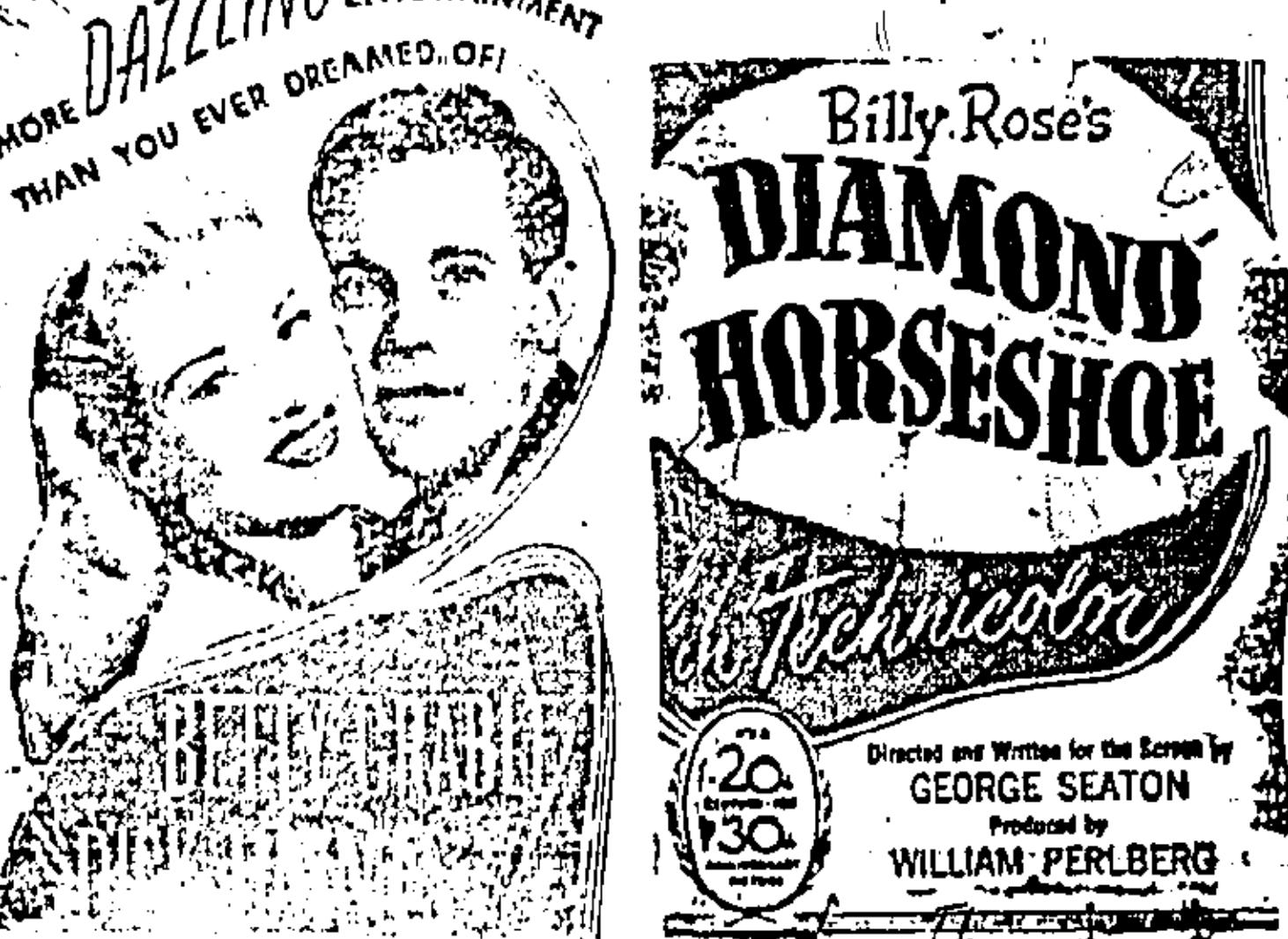
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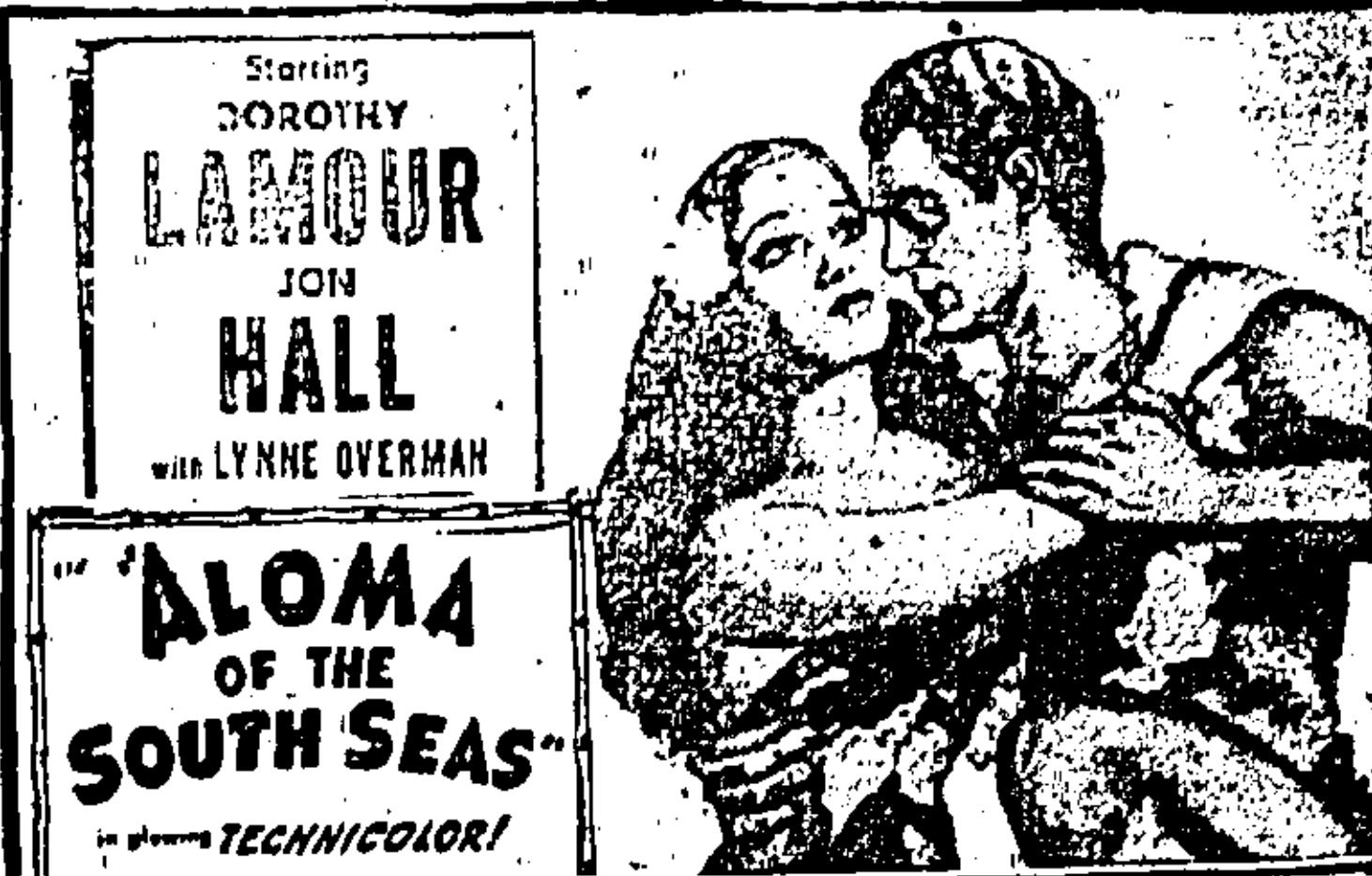
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ATTLEE STATEMENT ON ALLIANCE WITH FRANCE

London, Jan. 23.
Premier Clement Attlee told the House of Commons today that Britain was anxious to enter into negotiations for a treaty of alliance with France as soon as the new French Government was ready to do so.

In a statement on M. Leon Blum's recent visit to London Mr. Attlee said: "His Majesty's Government were very glad to welcome Mr. Blum to London once again. It provided an opportunity for a most useful exchange of views.

"Members will have seen from the communiqué issued at the conclusion of the visit that our discussion covered a wide field."

"Agreement was reached on a number of important questions, both political and economic and in particular it was agreed that a treaty of alliance should be concluded between the two countries at the earliest possible moment within the framework of Article 52 of the Charter of the United Nations with the object of preventing any further aggression by Germany and of preserving peace and security.

There is no need for me to enlarge on the communiqué, but I would like to make it clear that the British Government are anxious to enter into negotiations for such a treaty of alliance as soon as the French Government is ready to do so."

Not Substitute

Mr. William Warbey, (Lab.) who has often criticised the Government's foreign policy, asked: "Will he make it clear that this proposed Anglo-French treaty, which will be warmly welcomed in all quarters of the House, is in no way a substitute for the Anglo-Soviet treaty?"

Mr. A.P. McKinley (Lab.), asked, amid loud laughter, if publicity would be given to the fact that the visit of Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of Imperial General Staff, to Moscow was not aimed at the United States of America.

No reply was given.

Mr. Attlee told another questioner that economic conversations between France and Britain were already proceeding.—Reuter.

H.K. Stock Exchange

Following were yesterday's Hong Kong Stock Exchange quotations:

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The present total of 1,937,062 tons gross is also greater by 221,262 tons than the tonnage which was being built at the end of December 1945; and has not been exceeded since March 1922 when the total recorded was 2,235,998 tons.

There is a continued increase in tonnage for registration abroad or for sale, which has risen during 1946 from 105,000 tons at the end of March to 387,000 at the end of September.

World Total: The leading countries abroad are: The United States, Sweden, France, Holland, British Dominions, including Canada, Italy, Denmark and Spain.

The total tonnage under construction in the world (apart from Russia and Poland and ex-enemy states) amounts to 3,678,481 tons gross, of which 52.7 per cent is being built in Great Britain and Ireland.

During the quarter under review in Great Britain and Ireland 339,060 tons were commenced and 267,760 tons were launched.

The similar figures for abroad are 219,746 tons commenced and 264,229 launched.—Reuter.

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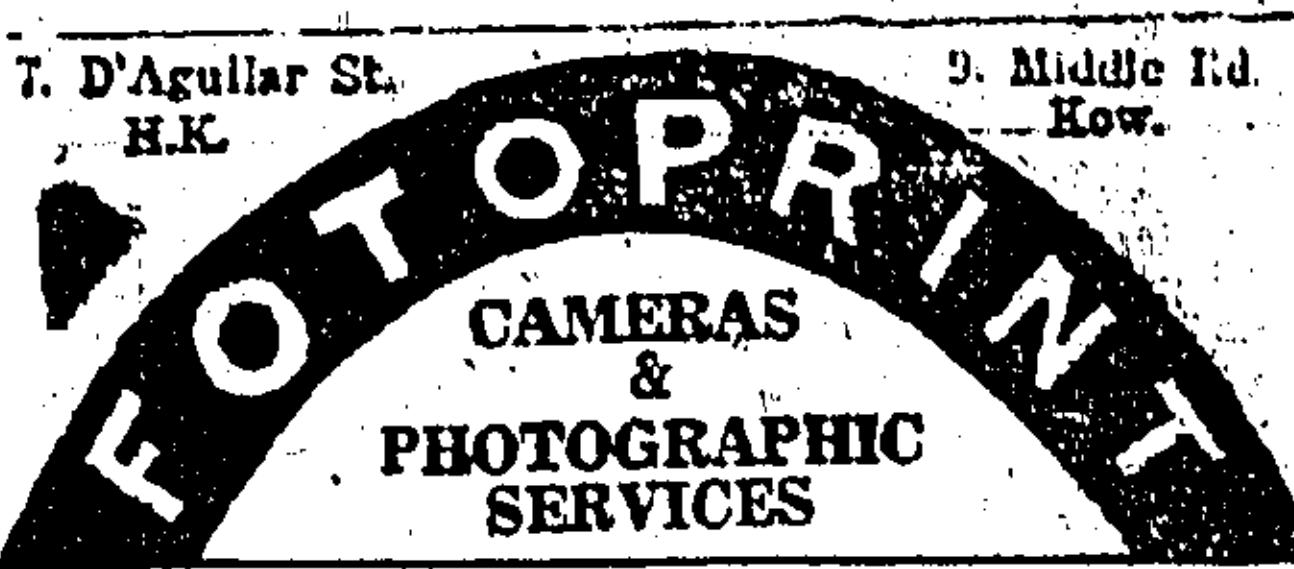
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CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1947.

Sequel To Jeep Accident

In reference to the case in which Vainic Novikov, 32, was charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr on Jan. 21 with driving without due care and caution, and driving at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour, at Nathan Road on Jan. 19, and reported by the China Mail as having been adjourned for one week, it was learned yesterday that the defendant later applied for the case to be heard immediately.

As Inspector Serum offered no objection, His Worship decided to hear the case in the afternoon, although the Court staff was on holiday. As Mr. Marcus da Silva was unable to be present, he withdrew from the case.

Pleading guilty to both counts, defendant was fined the maximum of \$250 on each charge.

LOCAL ESTATES

Mr. William Edward Kirby, former secretary of the China Coast Officer Guild in Hong Kong, who died at St. Mary's Interment Camp on July 13, left local estate worth about \$34,000. Kirby, whose administration had been passed to Mr. D. J. Strode, solicitor and lawless attorney for Mrs. Christine Kirby, widow of St. Kirby, Melbourne.

Local estate sworn under \$22,500 was left by Deputy Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs, late of No. 23, Cun-Lo-Han Road, who died in Stanley on June 12, 1942. Products have been granted to his adopted daughter, Miss Parry Hilda Nelson, also known as Wong Ah-mei, residing in New Asia Hotel.

Letters of administration have been granted to Mr. H. A. Morrison, solicitor, and Mrs. Catherine May, Mrs. George Mansfield, widow, residing in New Jersey, United States, for local estate sworn under \$22,000, left by Mr. Philip Goff Mansfield, who died in New Jersey on Sept. 4, 1942.

Lt.-General C. H. Gaillard, C.B.E., the Prime Minister's Personal Representative in Japan, left Hong Kong by Sunderland this morning. Gen. Gaillard paid a recent visit to Australia and called here on his way back to Japan. He stayed for two days at Flamingo House as the guest of Gen. Erskine.

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The Japs Were Not Rugger Players

"As the Japanese did not play rugby, they did not join the British POWs in this game, but they did play baseball with the American POWs because they liked the game," said Lieut. Tamaki Koji in the course of his testimony at yesterday's hearing of the War Crimes Trial of himself, Sgt. Chiba Arashi and Sgt. Fujie Horoji.

The case for the defence opened with the calling of Lieut. Tamaki Koji, who said that as Heito Camp was not situated in a hygienic locality, malaria was very prevalent in the early stages. As officer in charge of the Camp, he arranged for a drainage system to be put into force. At the same time, it was planned to provide amenities for POWs by transforming the area into a park.

Tamaki said that it was his policy to assist POWs as much as possible by accepting suggestions which they might put forward. In response to a request for a stage for concerts, Tamaki said he obtained bands, nails, and other materials to build a hut. He also arranged for ropes for a boxing ring. A library, containing some 500 books, was also started by him at the request of POWs. Baseball equipment was obtained from headquarters, but this game was only played by the Americans. As the British POWs preferred to play rugby, he arranged to obtain rugby balls.

Swimming facilities for POWs were provided at the river near the Camp. Tamaki said that he was very fond of swimming and often accompanied the POWs when they went swimming. For POWs who liked horse riding, horses were provided. As he did not think that the POWs would make any attempt to escape, he allowed them to go horse riding without guards. The Japanese joined the Americans in playing.

The scale of rations differed from time to time, but all the pigs were given to POWs. Generally, all the sweet potatoe were consumed by the POWs, as the Japanese did not eat these very much. The priority for eggs was given to the Hospital and the remainder shared equally between POWs and Japanese.

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Drugs Supplied

Tamaki said that certain regulations were laid down in relation to POWs, but these regulations were not always followed by the Camp Staff. Tamaki said that he was very strict against the exchange of articles between POWs and the Japanese. One of these regulations forbade the Japanese to speak to POWs, except when on official business. This ruling, however, did not apply when Japanese and POWs mixed freely for recreational purposes.

Tamaki told the Court that with the exception of poisonous drugs, all other drugs, whether from Japanese Headquarters, the Red Cross or purchased by POWs out of their own funds, were handed over to the POW Medical Officers. Approximately 5,000 Yen worth of drugs were purchased by the POW Medical Officers to cover insufficiencies of issues by the Japanese authorities.

Heijy was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

Athens, Jan. 24. Dimitri Maximis, 72-year-old Royalist, has been appointed by the King to be Prime Minister of the new Greek coalition government, it was announced today. Maximis, a member of the Popular Party, was foreign minister during 1933 to 1934.—Reuter.

British Exports In The Past Year

London, Jan. 21. Britain last year exported nearly double the value of goods compared with 1938, but the volume was no higher, according to Board of Trade figures issued today.

The value of the export goods produced or manufactured in the United Kingdom was £211,700,000, or nearly double the 1938 figure of £470,800,000. This total is the highest ever recorded except for 1920, but by volume the exports were no higher.

With imports at nearly £1,300,000,000, the "visible" adverse balance of trade for last year was over £35,000,000.

Of the three main classes of exports food, drink, and tobacco show nearly the same percentage of the total in two years. Raw materials and articles ter-

TRUST IN EACH OTHER

London, Jan. 21. Lady Cripps, President of the British Aid to China Fund, who recently headed an all-women goodwill delegation to China, declared tonight: "I have come back with the deepest conviction of the possibilities for the future between China and Great Britain, if we can no forward unafraid and with trust in each other."

She was addressing an Anglo-Chinese Chamber of Commerce dinner at which the Chinese Ambassador and Madame Cheng were present.—Reuter.

"Very Pleased"

As a result of the facilities which were made available to them, the POWs were very pleased and the relations which existed between the Japanese and POWs were most friendly. POWs who were working in the sugar factory were allowed to eat some of the sugar and they were very happy about it. A lot of land was used for the planting of sweet potatoes and from February 1944, approximately 300 kilos of sweet potatoes were supplied to POWs each day. The leaves and vines were used to feed the pigs and ducks which were being reared. At one time buffaloes were kept and these were slaughtered and consumed by the POWs. Pigs, mostly white leghorn, were also kept.

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